Export trade during the years 1110 and 1111.

65. *MR. M. L. JANARDANAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the total volume of our export trade during the years 1110 and 1111 ;

(i) with British India ;

(ii) with European countries ; and

(*b*) the details of commodities exported to Europe with values thereof ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

		1110.	*1111.*
(*a*)	(i)	Rs. 6,96,98,767	Rs. 6,54,66,235.
	(ii)	Rs. 80,99,588	Rs. 98,30,807.

(*b*) A*statement is laid on the table.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : With reference to part (*b*) of the question and the appendix given, may I know why there is such a big fall in regard to the pepper exported in 1111 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : The price of pepper in European markets fell.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : What is the present tariff value of pepper ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Pepper has no tariff value ; it has only a specific duty of 10 as. per candy.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : When was such duty instituted ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Six or seven years ago.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : What was the price of pepper then ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : It was about Rs. 300 per candy.

MR. K. C KARUNAKARAN : What is the price now ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : In the neighbourhood of Rs. 100 per candy.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN : May I know on what principle this duty was fixed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : The price has been fluctuating ; but the Government have not yet thought of revising the duty.

Income from export duties.

66. * MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what amount they have realised last year as income from export duties on :

(i) copra ;

(ii) coir ; and

(*b*) what approximately will be the annual expenditure incurred by the Government for the collection of these duties ?

* *Vide* Appendix I, Page 261.

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RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR : The calculation is made according to the agreement entered into 20 years ago. The agreement was that a separate account should be kept for the branch from Tinnevelly to Trivandrum.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI : Apart from the agreement, may I know whether the present method of calculation is advantageous to us ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASVAMI AIYAR : I cannot understand the point, Sir.

PRESIDENT : Order, order. The question has been answered by saying that about 20 years ago an agreement was arrived at which unfortunately prescribed the method of accounting which exists now.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 65.**

Details of commodities exported to the European countries.

Articles.		1110 Value Bh. Rs.	1111 Value Bh. Rs.
Coir yarn	...	15,99,254	16,87,181
Pepper	...	76,875	32,336
Ginger	...		42,300
Tea	...	1,15,807	4 55,607
Rubber	...	2,30,410	3,13,019
Turmeric (Bulb)	...	1,000	2,000
Coir mats	...	17,99,685	21,36,550
Coir matting	...	15,06,296	17,75,695
Coir rugs	...	21,25,098	26,38,304
Other manufacture of coir	...	58,296	42,447
Woollen druggets	...	575	6,090
Palmyrah fibre	...	61,887	94,556
Cashew kernels	...	9,805	72,326
Ilmenite	...	2,45,932	2,38,332
Monazite	...	2,50,250	2,51,577
Zircon	...	9,000	23,938
Mica	...		6,000
Other articles	...	9,418	12,549

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Sir, with your permission, Sir, I wish to state that though the Director of Education said that the list of communities who receive fee concession would be placed on the table we do not find it on the table.

PRESIDENT : I am told it is on the Secretary's table.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS.

PRESIDENT : I think that the arrangement of seats in this particular manner is not very satisfactory because there is a lot of auricular complaint. So, I think I shall revert to the old arrangement, say from tomorrow.

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